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## High School Celebrates One Hundredth Anniversary

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We dedicate this Centennial issue of THE YPSI SEM to those persons whose vision and inspiration have made possible one hundred years of free public secondary education in Michigan.

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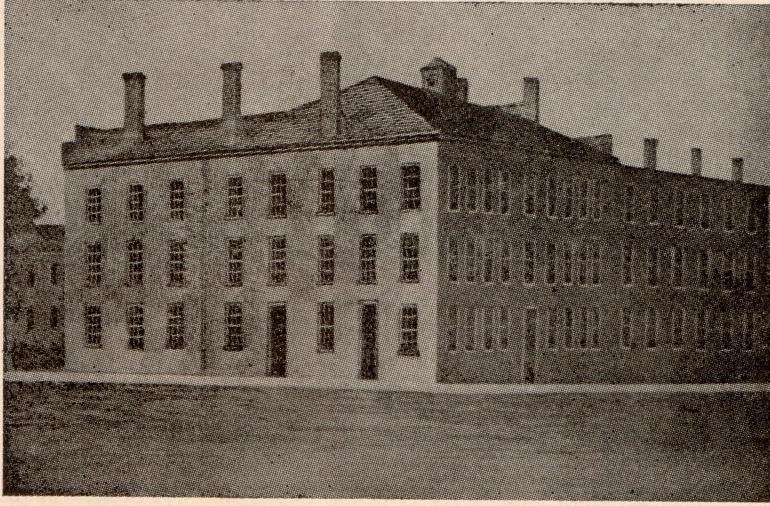
The cast for the senior play, "Meet Me in St. Louis," has at last been selected. They are as follows: Mr. Smith, Harold Britton; Mrs. Smith, Elaine Hayden; Rose, Joanne Wilson; Esther, Betty Mead; Agnes, Joanne Townsley; Tootie, Norma Frentner; Lon, Norman Ball; Grandpa, Bill Hawes; Katie, Joan Jensen; Mrs. Waughop, Florence Fish; Ida, Patti Wiltse; John Shephard, Cliff Ramey; Fred Gregory, Jack Bush; Lucille, Karlin Johnson; Mr. Dodge, Zadok St. John; Mr. Duffy, Duane Rorabacher; Conductor, Jack Walker. The prompter is Betty Russell, and the four student directors are Marlene Moffett, Anne Ragan, Wayne Strohl, and Dan Baughey. The entire production is under the direction of Miss Madge Iseminger. The date set for the presentation is April 7. The chairmen for the committees are the following: Property, Frances Wolter; Stage, Charles Resetar; Make-up, Jo Ann Fanslow; Costumes, Joanne Bailey; Lights, Floyd Panther; Tickets, Bernice Campbell; Art Publicity, Barbara Dumbach.

### Oratorical, Dramatic Winners Are Named

Congratulations are in store for the winners of our annual oratorical and dramatic declamation contest preliminaries.

The winners of the dramatic declamation preliminaries for the twelfth grade are: Norman Ball, Bill Buck, Bill Hawes, Dorothy Houck, Anne Ragan, and Joanne Wilson. Dave Hill is the alternate and Frances Wolter will serve as chairman for the final contest to be held on March 24 in assembly. The judges for this contest were Mrs. Jack Lockwood, Mrs. Janice Branyon, and Miss Madge Iseminger.

The winners of the oratorical declamation preliminaries for the ninth and tenth grades held Feb. 28 and March 2 were: Donald Hamilton, Nancy Hawes, Mary Wilks as presiding chairman. The judges of the preliminary contest were Mrs. Mary Jane De-Kerr, Nancy Weinmann, Bonnie Vries, Mrs. Jeanette Grandstaff, White, and Mary Helen Wilman. and Mrs. Jean Ragan.



Old Seminary Building, 1848-1857.

### Week-Long Festivities Begin Monday Evening

At the junction of the Tecumseh and Michigan Central Railroads, there was an old brick building that was intended for a hotel. This brick would-be hotel was of doubtful ownership, but finally fell into the hands of the Detroit Land Company. What to do with it seemed to be an unsettled question. Mr. Charles Woodruff had often urged education, and finally he carried out his cherished purpose alone. He rented the building for several terms, making it one special object of his school to improve district school teachers. This "Academical School" was so prosperous that Reverend L. H. Moore purchased the building and opened the Ypsilanti Seminary in 1845. The school was known as a model school, because it afforded advantages superior to those of the common school. The courses of education were extended and in this respect it was believed that this institution went far beyond most, in this and other states.

So, to celebrate the one-hundredth birthday of our institution, a whole week, packed full of activities, is set aside to recognize our advancement. The festivities will begin on Monday, March 14, with a dinner to honor past and present members of the Board of Education. The next night an Open House will be sponsored to give recognition of one hundred years of free public secondary education in Michigan. On Wednesday of the Centennial Week, a Junior Division Party, (Continued on page 15, col. 2)

### Greetings - Alumni of Former Years

Speaking as an institution of 100 years standing, the Ypsilanti High School, through this special edition of THE YPSI SEM, wishes to convey to you the best wishes and appreciation for your continued interest in your high school. The present administration of the high school is anxious that this interest shall continue not only in the support of our activities but in frank and constructive criticism with suggestions for the improvement of our service to the youth of this community.

### Band Gets Ready To Give Winter Musical

The annual Winter Concert given by the Ypsilanti High School Concert Band will be given this month. The program was formerly known as the Band Bounce.

Don Congdon, winner of the linoleum block contest sponsored by the Band, will furnish the design used for all poster advertising of the concert.

The musical program will feature Nathan Judson as a euphonium soloist with the band. There will also be several marches. For the serious selections, "Au Pays Lorraine" (a number depicting the French Countryside) and "Sunday Morning at Gliou" (portraying Sunday morning over the lake at Gliou) will be played. You will all be able to enjoy "A Tone Poem" and

"Mountain Majesty." There will also be several light numbers including "Donkey Serenade".

Mr. George Cavender has done a splendid job in directing the band, orchestra, and the Girls' Drum and Bugle Corps, so much so, that the excellence of the program is assured.

### Annual Student Council Magazine Sale Prizes, Parties, and Fun Denote

Once again another successful magazine sale has ended. This year as in the past, our quota of \$4,500 was reached with plenty of money to spare.

The sale began on Thursday afternoon, March 3, with an assembly put on by the Student Council. A regular council meeting was portrayed on the stage, complete with roll call, minutes, and treasurer's report. A magazine sale was named as the solution to the problem of boosting the extremely low balance of the treasury. To highlight the meeting, Mr. Joe Shields (just plain "Joe" to most of us) was introduced as guest of honor. After Joe demonstrated the perfect (?) sales approach, the officers showed the many prizes.

Every fourth hour the officers and several other people on the council met in room 303 to count the total receipts for the day. Each morning the "Gimme Club" members received their Hershey bars. Dollar bills and senior play tickets were given every day to the two high salesmen. Then, on Monday, March 14, the sale came to a close. A short assembly was presented during the morning in which the prizes were distributed and the final report on the sale was given. That same afternoon the winning teams and officers of the Student Council went to the Huron Hotel for lunch and afterward attended the show. Other winning teams enjoyed ice cream treats.

A certain party called Mr. Joslyn the other day and said that her gold fish had laid eggs and wanted to know what she should do about it. (We suggest that Mr. Joslyn take 'em, sit on 'em, and hatch 'em.)



An old-fashioned girl blushed when she was embarrassed; a modern girl is embarrassed when she blushes.

Joan Jensen

### Chit-Chat

By PAT

Well, Centennial time is here and after writing this column I'll probably feel one-hundred years old.

I have been looking through the old Sem's (then called "The Chat") just to see what teen-agers did in "them thar days," and what I found out was that they were just as bad as our parents claim we are.

As far back as 1918 the girls wore blue jeans! That was when the girls became farmerettes and helped plant the crops.

They also had Sophomore hints that said:

Don't call on your girl more than once a week.

That is too much like a Senior.

Also, "Part your hair in the middle to balance your brain."

This year the boys are taking after the girls. They yelled when we started wearing their blue jeans and white shirts, but they came back at us when they started peroxidizing their hair!

In 1916 the school had a limerick contest and Paul Hayward won it. Here's his poem:

If you come to school after half-past eight,  
Then Mr. Morris will tell you you're late,  
And you an excuse will have to write,  
Which will take two days and all of the night.

You write three or four and get real sore,  
Then you determine you'll be late, no more,  
And finally after a day or two  
Mr. Morris will say, "This excuse will do."

"Nowadays it's: "Is this your mother's signature?" "As close as I could come to it!"

### Spirit of '49

In March of 1849 Ypsilanti High School was opened in the Tecumseh Hotel. Since that time, though beset by fires and other difficulties, our school has managed to struggle along and remain in existence.

During this century our school has progressed from a small frame building to a large modern high school. Through the years many traditions have been built up. The name Ypsilanti is feared in the field of sports. We are respected and held in awe by other schools in many fields of inter-school activities.

Still more important is the spirit that has grown inside of the school. There are the friendly relations between the teachers and students. This friendly life together, plus the excellent curriculum, well prepares students for later life. We, the students of today, realize this and are thankful for all the traditions that have been handed down to us.

Richard Barney,  
Pres. of Student Council

### On The Book Shelf

In this time of centennial activity, when everyone is delving into the past history of our school, it was discovered that our school library in an organized form has been in existence since about 1896. It is considered to have been one of the very first high school libraries in the state. At the time of its organization, it contained 2,000 volumes, mostly of non-fiction material. To give you an idea of the type of books they had in the library at that time, here are a few that were listed as new books in 1903: "Medieval Europe," "Beacon Lights of History," and "Introduction to the Middle Ages." These were scholarly books that no doubt were widely ready by our intelligent forefathers.

More and more books were added through the years, and the library continued to grow.

Most of the new books of the 1930's were ones that we are familiar with today as modern literature, for instance "Goodby Mr. Chips," by James Hilton.

Our library now, which contains 29,000 volumes, is well stocked with every kind of book that would be of interest to the student, except perhaps "Superman" and other comic books that more intellectual pupils seem to prefer.

### High Button Shoes

by Patti

During the latter 1800's clothing was one of the most important factors in a person's appearance. It was then believed that the right clothes developed and emphasized the woman's beauty and overshadowed her defects.

Clothes were chosen to fit the "physique," rather than to keep up with latest styles. Material was another factor which was considered important for the different types of people. For instance, slender women were to wear "clinging," draping materials, sheer lawns and shining silks, while the more plump women were to wear heavier materials, such as velvet, which supposedly concealed plumpness. Young girls wore simple muslin and wools and soft clinging silks.

Accessories were even more important than the dress itself. There were special gloves for each occasion. Gloves were always worn at dinner parties. When all the guests were seated, it was permissible to remove the gloves, but they were retained immediately after eating.

Parasols were in style during this period. They were of matching material to harmonize with almost any dress.



High button shoes were the only kind worn. In that day, people thought more of their arches than of the appearance of their shoes. Even though the style varied very little, there were different shoes for each occasion.

I imagine many of these styles seem rather familiar to you, but that is only because the latest fashion magazines are showing similar styles. Not only have hem-lines been rapidly going down, but high-button spats and parasols are also coming into style. This goes to show that history does repeat itself.

They say that the first hundred years are the hardest, and now we believe it.

The Sem Staff

### Our Heritage

by Bill Hawes

As the first one hundred years of Ypsilanti High School are coming to a close, the gala memories of its history are being revived in pageants and meetings.

Looking back on the glorious moments of the past, we see that each year our school has improved by the increasing endeavor of the students, faculty, and community.

For example, we do not stop to think that the present day educational advantages were not always present. As a matter of fact, there were only a few different subjects to choose from at first.

In the future, when we look back on our school memories, who knows but what the form of our school building, which has changed four times already will have changed again and more new subjects will be added to the list.

The good record which our school has established by its students for one hundred years. This is our heritage and we must improve on it each succeeding year.

This record which makes up the history of our school is a shining example of the sort of thing which we must carry on. The continuation of good sportsmanship, high scholastic achievements, and the finest examples of school life will make the Ypsilanti High School of tomorrow a better place for generations to come.

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## Greetings

**Greetings!** It is a pleasure to extend greetings on behalf of the faculty and pupils to all our good friends in this community and throughout the world. Many of you are still serving your country in foreign lands. To you we send a special greeting and our best wishes. We hope Centennial Week will be a real homecoming for former teachers, alumni, and friends of Ypsilanti High School.

Norris G. Wiltse,  
Principal of Ypsilanti  
High School

## Alumni Tell Briefly of Past Experiences

### John P. Kirk

In 1877 this well-known citizen was attending the third grade of public schools. That year a terrible fire partially destroyed the old school house. Until the edifice could be rebuilt the pupils had to be taught in neighboring houses and churches. Mr. Kirk was sent to the Selman home located on the southeast corner of Cross and Adams Streets. Finally the school was repaired, and the children could once again attend classes in the familiar frame building.

On June 14, 1886, John Kirk was among the ten girls and five boys graduated from the High School. He had chosen English, Greek, Latin, and German as his major studies during those years in high school. The hard work necessary to master these difficult subjects was made lighter because he enjoyed his tasks — all of them, that is, except music. Professor Fair was John Kirk's singing teacher. One day, when the boys were especially mischievous, the Professor tried to divert their attention into the proper channels by testing the young students' voices. One by one the boys were called to the front of the room. When John Kirk's turn came, he couldn't seem to sound the right pitch. "You can't sing," was all the encouragement Professor Fair could offer to him.

Mr. Kirk says, "I believe in the educational system of Ypsilanti High School. Boys need plenty of athletics and they can get it here. I am interested in the centennial and am glad to remember the good times we used to have."

Betty Watling

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### Matt Max

Mr. Matt Max, our postmaster, graduated from our high school in 1896. When he attended school, there were few sports and no full time coach. There was no gymnasium and no swimming pool.

Mr. Max thinks our school system has an excellent faculty and many advantages. He is particularly glad to see the em-

## Busy With Centennial Plans



Norris G. Wiltse, Principal, Mrs. Nelson D. Boutell, Centennial Chairman, and Ernest H. Chapelle, Superintendent, study old records.

## Recollections of Long Ago

In response to a request of the Research and History Committee, headed by Miss Edith Lidke, for information that would help in Centennial plans, several alumni of Ypsilanti High School have contributed pictures and letters, from which the following excerpts have been taken:

**Mrs. George Miller**, '83, sent a rosette of red, white, and blue ribbons and two black streamers, to which the following notation was attached: "This rosette is a sample of those worn by the students of Ypsilanti High School

at the time of the assassination of President James A. Garfield. The entire high school body marched to the Presbyterian Church for Memorial Services."

**Lyman F. Kebler**, '87, one of America's leading scientists and a specialist in pure foods and drugs, now connected with the U. S. Department of Pure Foods and Drugs, writes:

"Necessity compelled me to earn my living and education. The Board of Education remitted my tuition fees for the last two years through the intercession of Superintendent Putnam, which was greatly appreciated and a great help. The Ypsilanti High School has been good to me. I hope that my record has proven me worthy."

Mr. Kebler sent a reprint of an article published in the Journal of the American Pharmaceutical Association for November, 1929, in which he pays highest tribute to James Henry Shepard, science teacher in our school when the writer was a student here. While at Ypsilanti High School, Mr. Shepard wrote a text for chemistry classes, a copy of which was included in the package of pictures and books sent.

**Mrs. Lyman Kebler** (Ida E. Shaw), '90, in answer to the question on a comparison of earlier and present education writes as follows: "We need more U. S. publication, which he valued very highly. He named among out-

## Dedication

Ever since the settlement was founded a century and a quarter ago, the citizens of Ypsilanti have been interested in the education of their children and youth. From the very beginning, schools were established, first private and then public. This interest in education was demonstrated 100 years ago when a group of public spirited citizens raised enough money by popular subscription to buy the Tecumseh Hotel and continue the privately owned Ypsilanti Seminary as a free public secondary school. This event and the subsequent continued progress of the Ypsilanti High School we are recognizing during this Centennial Week.

Thus for 100 years on the site of the present high school building the people of Ypsilanti have supported a school for the training and education of the children and youth of this community. Thousands of young people have passed through the halls of the successive school buildings to go out in the world to make their contribution to business, industry, education, and the professions. Their training is Ypsilanti's gift to the progress and prosperity of four or five generations of American culture.

Therefore, this Centennial Week is an appropriate time for the community to pledge anew its belief in the education of its children and youth. It is equally appropriate for the young people who profited by the training received in this high school to dedicate anew their own belief in education and to pledge their continued support of schools for the training and education of today's children and the children of future generations.

**Ernest H. Chapelle,**  
Superintendent of City Schools

standing classmates of his Dr. Walton K. Reford, eminent urologist; Louis Forsythe, many years principal of Ann Arbor High School; and William Ryan, sales manager of the Ford Motor Company for many years and recently one of the outstanding senior golf players of the country.

From **Mrs. Ethel Clarke Osburn**, '02, we read of the lengthy program of graduation night.

"The Reverend A. C. Beach gave the invocation. The following graduates then gave the program:

M. Raymond Maklem — The American Citizen.

Mabel L. Cox — How Not To Do It.

Archer E. Falconer — The Class Problem.

Rachel V. Fletcher — The Goddess of Liberty.

Minnie L. Earl — Cardinal Woley.

Fitch D. Forsythe — Webster's Reply to Hayne.

Ethel M. Clarke — The Gypsies.

Harry C. Smith — The Battle of New Orleans.

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# Chapel and Auditorium Used As Civic Center



The old Chapel in the third Seminary building, 1858-88, and the present High School Auditorium, pictured above, show the growth of the Ypsilanti school system.

## Community Lauds Educational Progress

The Centennial celebration begins at Ypsilanti High School on Monday, March 14, 1949 at 6:30 P. M. A public dinner to be held at Charles McKenny Hall, will recognize one hundred years of community support of public secondary education in Ypsilanti and in Michigan. This dinner is also to honor the past and present members of the Board of Education.

The master of ceremonies at this dinner will be Dr. Arnold H. Brown, chairman of the Educational Affairs Committee for the Ypsilanti Board of Commerce.

Rev. Harvey C. Colburn, the first speaker, will give an account of the first twenty-five years at Ypsilanti High School, while the second quarter of the century will be described by Mrs. Richard A. Weir. James R. Breakey Jr. will then give his impressions of the third quarter of the century at this high school followed by R. Clyde Ford who will speak on the contemporary period.

The program will be concluded by Frederick J. Peters, president of the Board of Education, who will give the high school's outlook for the future.

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Mr. Max thinks students should get all the public speaking and dramatics that they can. He thinks that a course in getting along with people should be given to students in their senior year. Many people fail in business because they do not know how to get along with others.

Asked about the future change in education Mr. Max felt that business courses should be stressed more and the practical application of education emphasized.

**Lloyd Ridenour**

"Red" Miller, (Eng. II) — "The standing factor in guiding them building is large enough to hold to successful careers. several people made of some kind of brick."

## An Alumnus Surveys First Hundred Years

One spring day during the year 1900, a young man, a junior at Abilene, Kansas, High School strode into the office of the town newspaper looking for a part time job. While waiting for the interview he picked up a copy of "Hannibal's Campaigns" from the editor's desk and began reading the exploits of the Carthaginian and his wars with the Romans. Before he finished high school, this Kansas lad, under the friendly tutelage of his teachers, had become so fascinated with military history that he had read Gibbons' "Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire," and the lives of many military heroes, such as Grant, Lee, Napoleon, Jackson and Washington. So engrossed had he become with history that his senior class prophecy foretold that he would someday teach history at Yale. This man never taught at Yale, but wrote a page of history that will be taught at Yale and all other schools for a good many years to come. This man's name is Dwight David Eisenhower.

Looking back at the hundred years of Ypsilanti High School's existence, I feel its greatest service and its greatest claim to distinction has been the high calibre of its teaching, guiding and pointing the way to the young people of Ypsilanti. As in the case of Eisenhower, the long line of many outstanding teachers has fanned many a spark of interest into real accomplishment and achievement.

During the past two years as an active worker in the Alumni Association, it has been a most pleasant revelation to note the large numbers of our graduates who have gone into every profession and calling for outstanding and useful careers. Without exception all point back to the kindly influence and friendly understanding of the teachers at Ypsilanti High School as an out-

itanian, loved to philosophize on the old phrase, "Cast down your bucket where you are." To those of us still a part of Ypsilanti High School, let us "cast down our bucket where we are," let us be opportunists with what has been so generously provided here, let our interests be directed along channels of usefulness by our very fine faculty that can rightfully take its place with the many great teachers who have gone before them in our past hundred years. Good teaching plus facilities have always spelled greater opportunity for the students of Ypsilanti High School. May we never waver from that great ideal, and may we go ever forward following the path and ideals outlined by our first century of growth.

Frederick J. Peters, '29

## Fifteen Alumni Gave Lives in World War

We wish to express pride and deep appreciation to the eight hundred and ninety-one students from Ypsilanti High School who entered the Armed Forces and served in every branch of the service, during World War II. Of this group, fifteen young men gave their lives in the cause of freedom. At a Memorial Assembly, May 28, 1948, a beautiful Hammond Organ, gift of Student Council, was dedicated to the memory of these brave young Americans: Donald Brooks, Norman Christian, Nelson Clough, Hollis Engel, John Evanoff, Charles Fast, Arthur Gersabeck, Richard Hammond, Robert Hartman, Harold Herbst, John Lafontin, Richard Rush, Charles Sinkule, Glenn Tunnicliffe, and William E. Winter.

## Horse and Buggy Days

In days of old  
When knights were bold  
And rubber was never invented,  
They'd take some gum  
Rub out the bum (mistake — stupid)

Oh, what fun! Yes, sir, gum made us Americans happy back in "them thar days". The store-keeper would sell you some gum. Now, that's generous of him. He's doing his best to make people happy. When you're done with it, you stick the gum on a seat at the Opera House. Now, that's democracy 'cause you're sharing what you have with your fellow citizens. You sit in the seat and get the gum on your clothes. Now, that's free enterprise. You have to send your clothes to the cleaners; the cleaners buy horses, buggies, machinery, etc. . . Speaking of buggies, my dad runs a carriage shop and that's why I'm a little buggy. (That gag went over like a burp at a funeral.) Oh, yes, those were the good old days back



when Y.H.S. was just a yearling known as Public School 198 — marked down from \$4.00 (clearance sale). That was back when Mrs. Lockwood was a bright, and I use the word loosely, young lass of '94. That was so long ago that back then even Duz was too young to do anything. That was when boys and girls went riding in the country and the people happy. When you're done with it, you stick the gum on a seat at the Opera House. Now, that's democracy 'cause you're sharing what you have with your fellow citizens. You sit in the seat and get the gum on your clothes. Now, that's free enterprise. You have to send your clothes to the cleaners; the cleaners buy horses, buggies, machinery, etc. . . Speaking of buggies, my dad runs a carriage shop and that's why I'm a little buggy. (That gag went over like a burp at a funeral.) Oh, yes, those were the good old days back

The streets were so narrow in those days that they had to put girdles on horses so they could squeeze through. That was back when a guy told me, "You must have been a beautiful baby." Before I could get my ego built up he said, "But, oh, brother, look at you now!" by Ed Ellis

George Washington Carver, the great Negro educator and human-

# State of Michigan Recognizes Oldest High School

## Radio Review

Spotlight intensity continues to be focused on our centennial activities. This time it comes through the air from all directions when network stations W.P.A.G. and W.H.R.V. bring you three special broadcasts within the next week.

Over our regular "Ypsilanti School Room of the Air" broadcasts, you were privileged to hear little known facts about our schools during the past one hundred years discussed by such important civic leaders in our community as Harvey Colburn, author of that thumb indexed book "The Story of Ypsilanti"; Dr. Clyde Ford, author of the recently published book "My Michigan"; Mrs. Richard Weir whose ancestors number among the first residents in Ypsilanti; Judge James Breakey, Jr., graduate of our school in the class of 1916 and still loyally interested in school affairs; Frederick Peters, Jr., President of the Board of Education, and of course, none other than our own unparalleled master of ceremonies, Superintendent Ernest Chapelle.

W.H.R.V. is giving us two broadcasts in which previews of that stupendous student dramatization will be presented. Those seniors who have tried (and tried) to grow 1849 beards will present excerpts from Act I which represents the purchase of the old Tecumseh Hotel by the Ypsilanti Union School District. Of course the Barber Shop Quartet and German Band will accompany them and it's even possible that a few members from the 1906 Class in Elocution may "elocute".

### INTERVIEW

#### Wesley Dawson

Do you know who was the captain of the Ypsi High baseball team in 1909? Yes, that's right, Wesley Dawson, now of the Martin Dawson Company. Just to show you how much the boys of that day and age were interested in sports, perhaps I should tell you about them. Due to the lack of facilities, sports were limited. There were football, basketball, and, of course, baseball. All these sports were entered into with a great degree of rivalry between the two fraternities of the school, the Estabrooks and the Sigma Deltas. Basketball was practiced and played in the upper story of the Ypsilanti Cartage Company warehouse. Baseball was played anywhere a usable field could be found.

It is Mr. Dawson's conviction that public speaking should be stressed more than it is now. He thinks students should be prepared for life upon graduation and a course of "getting along with people" included in their senior year.

**Raymond Schultz**



The present Sem Staff is back row, left to right: Patricia Snider, Harvena Mesic, Betty Watling, Mary Scheffler, Florence Fish, Dorothy Houck, Marlene Moffett, Norman Ball, Karlin Johnson, Loren Schmid, Richard Oltmanns, and Charles Resetar. Front row: Betty Russell, Patti Wiltse, Bill Hawes, Betty Mead, Madge Iseminger, Harold Britton, and Wayne Strohl.

## Early Newspaper Records Yield Valuable Data of School's Progress

The old CHATS and SEMS have proved valuable in revealing many news facts and items of personal interest. Our newspaper has a very interesting past. To Mr. Roy Rowley, manager and founder, we owe our first edition in 1895. This paper bore the proud title of the YPSI CHAT.

John Onlooker became the Editor-in-Chief in 1896. This paper was small in size and contained six pages of which two were devoted to advertisements. With the Christmas issue it acquired a stiff and colorful cover and was bound as a pamphlet. It contained a Chit-Chat column very similar to our own Chit-Chat column in 1949.

John P. Kirk's picture was the first to be printed. This was in April, 1897. In May they published a picture and biography of William N. Lister, Commissioner of Schools. He was none other than the father of our French and Spanish teacher, Miss Frances Lister.

In 1897 it doubled its size, but a few years later it slightly decreased and once again took on a stiff cover. It continued in this size and appearance under the management of the Sigma Delta Fraternity.

In 1909 the School Board required that all fraternities should be given up; consequently the paper was also stopped. At the end of the year the faculty expressed the desire for a paper which would be strictly a high school one. They proceeded to choose the managers and editors and then notified them that they were to publish a paper with advice of the faculty and contributions of the school body. A vote for a name was put to the entire school and a large majority made it THE YPSI SEM in appreciation of the former school

name, THE UNION SEMINARY. This monthly production continued in the same size and cover as previously. Thus far they used no pictures, only hand drawn sketches.

In 1916, under the editorship of Owen Cleary, they ventured two snapshots for the cover. In 1917 the paper changed face in becoming a four-column page instead of two and appeared similar to a daily newspaper. It was sold for two cents a copy on Wednesday of every week and was called THE WEEKLY YPSI SEM.

In 1922 it again changed its appearance into a bi-monthly edition with Floyd Matthews as Editor-in-Chief. It not only changed its face but returned to its name, THE YPSI SEM, which we still use, and lost the aid of advertisements.

In 1929 they published a picture of the proposed school which we now frequent, whether in sight, mind, or body. Fred Peters was then the Editor-in-Chief. In June, 1930, they announced the names of all fifty-six in the graduating class.

From then until now THE YPSI SEM has continued much the same with minor improvements and additions which make us proud of our paper today.

We now have the honor of a first-place rating with the Quill and Scroll International Honorary Society for High School Journalists.

### EXCERPT

This is an excerpt from an editorial written by Owen J. Cleary, former editor of the Sem in 1916-17.

"Will they rise to the hour like true citizens, or will they hang back and leave the administration

## One Hundred Years of Free Public Secondary Education Honored by Eminent Speakers

Tuesday night is Michigan Education Night in the Centennial Week of events. At this time tribute will be paid to the oldest secondary school in the state, Ypsilanti High School. Representatives from the State Department of Education, the University of Michigan, Michigan State Normal, and Cleary College will be present.

This program will be held in the high school auditorium at eight o'clock and it is open to the public. W.H.R.V. is broadcasting the program from eight to nine o'clock.

Officers and members of the Student Council will act as guides in the hall. The National Honor Society will be ushers in the auditorium.

James B. Edmonson, Dean, School of Education, University of Michigan, will be master of ceremonies. The invocation will be given by Reverend Harley C. Sipe, Pastor of Emmanuel Lutheran Church. Following this, the high school orchestra will play a musical selection. Lee M. Thurston, Superintendent of Public Instruction, will speak on "The Place of Secondary Schools in the Michigan Educational Plan." "The Relation Between the University of Michigan and the Secondary Schools," will be given by Alexander G. Ruthven, President of the University of Michigan. At this time in the program the High School A'Capella Choir will sing a musical selection.

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A reception for all will follow in the gymnasium. The American Legion is furnishing a big decorated birthday cake which will be cut and served with punch.

stranded? At other times of crisis the American patriotism has been wonderful. Every man, woman and child has done his or her part. Why can it not be the same now? Everyone should leave his private interests and work for the one great interest, the United States of America.

High school students, we can do our share. Some of us are too young for active military service, but we can help in many small ways. Above all we can keep ourselves fit and 'be prepared.'

## Interviews

### Caroline Towner

One of the newcomers to the teaching staff of the Old Seminary in 1875 was Miss Caroline Towner, commonly known as Carrie Towner. Her first experience in teaching was with recitation students; later she was promoted to the sixth grade.

She remembers very distinctly the way Miss Dunham, the first grade teacher, punished her children. Miss Dunham was quite an artist and never failed to have a cow with a long tail on the blackboard. Each of the late comers would have his name on the end of the tail following the old adage, "just like the cow's tail, always behind." A punishment for all other disobediences was to stand the child in one of the high wood boxes in the hall. The children were little and couldn't see over the top of the box, and they disliked it very much.

The subjects taught in the late nineteenth century were very much like those we have today. A few of the sixth grade subjects were reading, writing, spelling, arithmetic, and music. She spoke of her brother who tried in every way possible to get out of music. The professor had them beat out the time with their hands. Her brother beat it out left-handed and kept bumping into the right-handed student next to him. He was dismissed.

She feels that our school system would be better if we had a chapel service every morning. When she was teaching, the students met together every morning for a brief service of prayer and singing.

Betty Watling

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### George Ross

An interview with Mr. George Ross, a past member of the Ypsilanti Board of Education and graduate of the Ypsilanti High School, revealed that way back in the gay nineties our school students found their social life in fraternities or sororities. They had no Varsity Club, G. A. C., Quill and Scroll, or Thespian Society. When they wanted a little excitement, either a fraternity gave a sorority a party or vice-versa. Sounds like fun, doesn't it? (I've been informed they were later banned by state law!)

There was very little interest in athletics. Mr. Ross commends us on our athletic program today. He also states that it is his belief that we prepare our students much better for later life. In his school years Mr. Ross learned Greek, Latin, French, and many other subjects which really prepared them for college. He believes our program for home economics, painting and decorating classes, and similar subjects prepare for later life the students who have no intention of going on to college.

Mr. Ross expects our school to



Nathan Judson, Clyde Phillips, Harold Nass, Dan Baughey

## The Harmonaires Bring Back Memories of Barber Shop Days

Oh for the good old days of sing in the Centennial Pageant harmony when the first Barber with the complete equipment Shop Quartets began to thrive. With this brief sketch of our Since then Barber Shop singing has become an art rather than merely a pastime. The four whiskered Harmonaires leave you.

Harold Nass



### NOW —

Students of the instrumental department, Mr. George Cavender, and Miss Mary King traveled to Dearborn on February 2 to participate in the district ensemble and solo festival. The following received first place ratings: The string trio, consisting of Karlin Johnson, Joanne Wilson, and Patti Wiltse; a duet by Karlin Johnson and Jane Stoltz; a violin solo by Jane Stoltz; and a clarinet solo by Fayrene La Fleur. The solos and the duet were accompanied by Ann Lurkins. These first place winners will now compete in the state contest. Second place winners were Nathan Judson, who played a baritone solo, accompanied by Patti Wiltse, and Jerry Boyd who played a clarinet solo. Bob Forner received a third place rating.

The orchestra played two pieces in the Negro Week Assembly. One was "Angelus" and the other was "Fiddle Faddle." The orchestra didn't play all of "Fiddle Faddle" as they had only been working on it for a few days. The part that they did play was very well received however. The orchestra will also play in a program during Centennial Week.

The band contributed to the pep assembly February 25. The music added greatly in making the assembly a success. Incidentally the "Band Bounce" has been postponed.

### THEN —

(45 years ago)

The members of the choir, wishing to give something to definite has been arranged.

Nancy Marushak

advance and expand in all fields within the next 100 years. With the interest the citizens of Ypsilanti have given and do give to their children his expectation seems likely to be fulfilled.

## Picturesque Drama Will Be Presented

"Building for Youth" is a historical dramatization in five acts that depicts one hundred years of secondary education in Ypsilanti High School.

The narrative begins in 1848 with the purchase of the old Tecumseh Hotel by District 4. Characters such as Charles Woodruff, Reverend Moore, and Abiel Hawkins will again play a part in our educational system.

The second act portrays a typical School Board meeting of the '70's. Prominent citizens such as Charles King, grocer; Don Batchelder, monument dealer; and Mrs. Kinne, wife of Doctor Kinne, will discuss problems confronting the school officials of that period. Data used in this dramatization was taken from the school board minutes edited by Ernest H. Chapelle.

Act three presents three talented students who perform at a faculty reception where such notables as Superintendent Whitney, Daniel Quirk, Professor Sherrick, and Miss Higby discuss the peculiarities of the modern student.

Act four brings us into the new century with the bloomer girl, elocution, and the latest trend in scientific methods. Professor Jacobs directs the elocution class with much gusto, while Professor Ross enlightens his students regarding the latest experiments in physics.

The finale is a review of Ypsilanti High School as it is today.

Between acts, musical interludes will provide the proper setting for the story with selections suggesting the period. The orchestra, quartet, trio, German band, chorus, and dancing acts will all lend to the spirit of one hundred years of secondary education for the entire dramatization. Two students will act as narrators throughout the program. These students are Anne Ragan and Harold Nass.

The dramatization was written and directed by Miss Madge Iseminger, Mrs. Janice Branyan, and Mrs. Jeanette Grandstaff. The music was under the direction of J. Herbert Fry and George A. Cavender. Other persons who assisted in planning this production are Mrs. Jack Lockwood, Miss Frances Lister, Miss Bernice Inwood, Miss Ruth Crothers, Mrs. Patricia Fletcher and Mr. Wilfred Sinden.

Professor Bostick that he might keep, presented him with a silver ring.

(25 years ago)

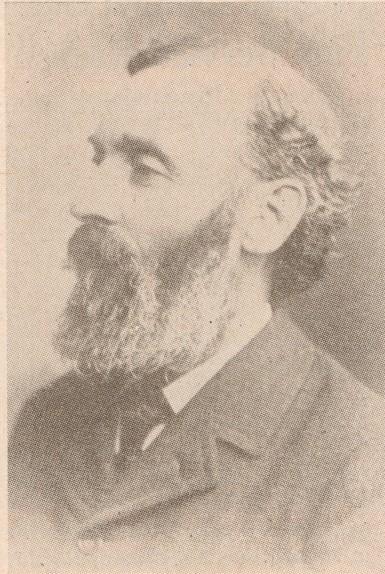
In each of the boys' and girls' glee clubs there is an enrollment of about fourteen members.

The development of an orchestra with various instruments is planned and it is hoped that a high school band may be organized, though, as yet, nothing definite has been arranged.



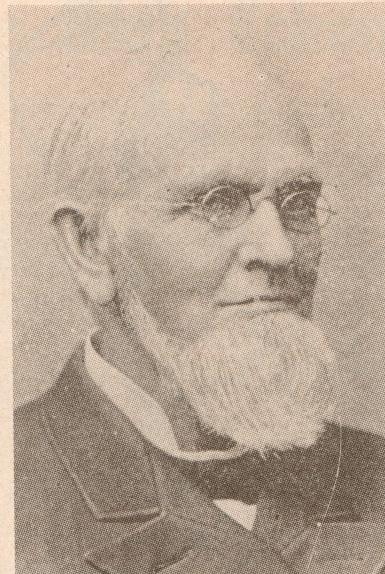
CHARLES WOODRUFF

The first principal of the old Ypsilanti Seminary which he opened in the Tecumseh Hotel in 1844. He was a member of the Board of Education for 24 years, the longest record of any member of that body. As editor of **The Ypsilanti Sentinel** he was a strong force in educational and civic affairs. He died April 8, 1896.



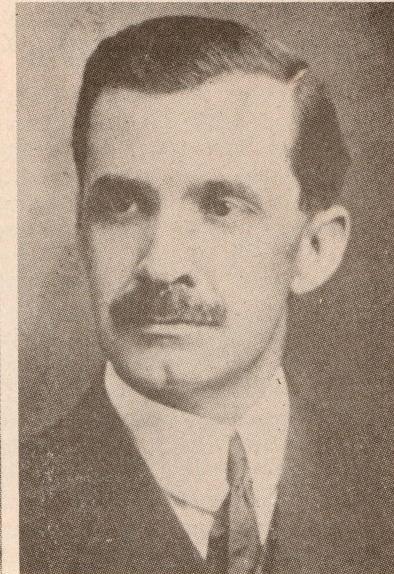
AUSTIN GEORGE

Superintendent of the Ypsilanti schools from 1896 until his death January 20, 1903. He was a great teacher and administrator. "Under his leadership the citizens of Ypsilanti have felt an increased pride in the schools and have given to them cheerful and generous support."



JOSEPH ESTABROOK

One of the early principals of the Ypsilanti Seminary. Under his administration the school made great progress. He was later Superintendent of Schools at East Saginaw, and was called from there to be President of the Michigan State Normal College. He was Superintendent of Public Instruction in 1886-1890.



WILLIAM B. ARBAUGH

Superintendent of the Ypsilanti Schools from January 1903 until his resignation to assume a position with the Wayne County Schools in December, 1919. He came to the Ypsilanti High School in 1897 as a teacher of Latin and Greek and was elected high school principal the following year which position he held until elected superintendent of schools. At the time of his death, March 8, 1939, he was principal of the Frances E. Willard School in Highland Park.

## National Group Gives High Student Honors

Membership in the National Honor Society of Secondary Schools signifies the greatest single recognition which can be given to a student in Ypsilanti High School. This is true in large measure to the outstanding qualifications prerequisite to election. In general, these fall into four classifications: scholarship, leadership, service, and character, all counting equally. No one is eligible unless he is among the highest twenty-five per cent of his class in scholarship. In order to rank high in leadership a student must be active in class-room work, promote school activities, and influence others to a high standard of citizenship. Service, of course, refers to participation both in class work and in out-of-class activities. Contributions here could be made to the student council, school paper, forensic activities, music organizations, interscholastic athletic competition, or community projects. Character is indicated by sincerity, honesty, Christian ideals, reliability, and achievement.

The national chapter of the National Honor Society was organized in 1921 to stimulate a desire to be of service to the school, to promote leadership, and to build up character, as well as to encourage scholarship. Just five years later the Ypsilanti Chapter, number 532, was organized with Miss Carrie Hardy, as faculty sponsor.

The eight charter members, all graduates in the Class of 1927, were: Lucile Atkinson, Gretchen Borst, Eleanor Bowen, Alice Hathaway, Joseph Pray, Herbert Van Aken, Winifred Ward, and Josephine Wiard.

Bernice Davis

### LaVerne and Lucille Ross

Have you ever wondered what it was like in our high school a hundred or say even fifty years ago? Two former graduates of our school, Miss Laverne Ross and her sister Lucille, gave me an excellent picture of this time.

Nearly all the social functions of the school went on through the three fraternities and sororities. For the boys there were the Estabrook and the Sigma Delta fraternities, and most of the girls belonged to Beta Nu sorority. Beta Nu members met every Friday night on the second floor of the school, and strict rules were laid down for them to follow. There could be no dancing; and to enforce this rule, a janitor, of whom the girls were all afraid, was present each Friday. He kept peace and order and made sure that the sorority members were out of the building at a certain hour.

One of the favorite pastimes of the boys and girls at this time was to climb up into the old clock tower and be there when the clock struck. The sound was deafening, but nearly everyone had done it at least once before he left high school.

All the passing and dismissal bells in the school were controlled by an electrically wired clock in the principal's office.

One day when the principal was out of his office, a group of boys set the clock ahead with the result that all classes were dismissed early.

Miss Ross believes that in the next hundred years there will be very decided changes within the school system, especially in the methods of teaching. These changes will be radical, we know, but as no one can really tell what will take place in the future, we must just sit and wait for the next hundred years to roll by.

Donna Peebles

### English Department Cites New Emphasis

Throughout the last hundred years the aims and objectives of the English department of the Ypsilanti High School have apparently remained the same, but the methods and procedures have differed radically. The emphasis has always been on a thorough training in correct logical habits of thought, on practice in oral and written composition to aid in clear and effective English, and on cultivating a taste for and appreciation of the best in literature. For the last decade or so there has been a definite trend toward the informal treatment and practical application of the subject matter.

English has been a required subject as far back as the records go. Previous to 1853 there are no records of departments or grades; but in that year the ugly but useful addition was built, and because every student was enrolled in the courses in English, grammar, analysis, and reading, these large classes had to be held in the chapel in the first story.

As early as 1881-82 there was a full four-year course of English. According to the School Catalogue, "every candidate of admission to high school is to be examined in English and all students are to understand that the use of the mother tongue in whatever pertains to reading and writing is under continual observation.

If students are found to be deficient or careless or sloven in habits, they will be required to enter a class in elementary English. This elementary class will be in two sections.

1. Intelligent reading and correct pronunciation.
2. Errors in spelling, punctuation, and grammar which will be

corrected by means of dictation and copying exercises.

In 1917-18 English was required of all students, and those who did not secure a mark higher than the minimum passing grade of 5 were required to take a fourth year of English if they were candidates for graduation.

Here are some of the outstanding contracts and changes in the teaching of English:

Formerly there was more emphasis on the rules of grammar now there is more emphasis on the practical application of these rules in life situations.

Although community spelling bees are no longer held, classroom practice in spelling is still offered; but the former name, orthography, has been discarded.

Then, as now, the old classics were studied; and Shakespeare has held his place, unchallenged, for a hundred years. The type of literary selections has changed, however; and because of the large and varied student body, some of the old readings like **House of Seven Gables**, **Lady of the Lake**, and **Silas Marner** are no longer required reading.

Dramatics has always had its place in education, but it has been only within the last twelve years that classes in dramatics have been given for credit.

Throughout the years the English department has been striving to teach students the best in spoken and written English. It has been only recently, however, that an attempt has been made to train the students who are not planning to go on to college for the type of work and life they will enter upon leaving school.

Ruth Crothers

## Kilted Corps Builds Up Unique Tradition

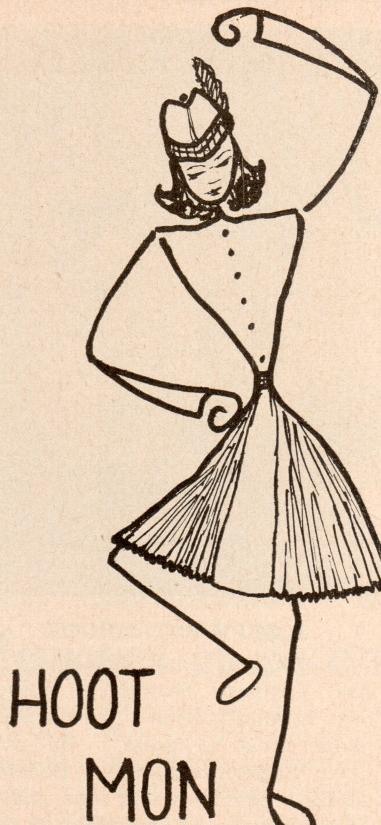
The unique and colorful Girls' Drum and Bugle Corps of Ypsilanti High School has added another engagement to their year's heavy schedule of appearances. Appearing at Port Huron, Michigan, May 14, it will lead the Southeastern area delegation of the Knights of Pythias convention. The parade will represent all lodges in Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky, and Ontario.

Among other appearances of the Ypsilanti Drum and Bugle Corps has been a performance between halves at a University of Michigan Big Ten game, the only girls organization to have had that privilege in the history of the stadium. In 1947, the local Kiwanis Club sponsored a trip for the entire corps to Chicago where it presented a marching performance in Soldier's Field at the Kiwanis International Convention where the ceremonies were televised. Other marching demonstrations have been at the Knights Templar Convention in Grand Rapids, in a Navy Day Observance at Grosse Isle, the University of Michigan Michigas, the American Legion Convention in Grand Rapids, the University of Detroit Football game, the J. L. Hudson Christmas Parade, July 4 and Memorial Day local parades, the City Merchants Fall Opening, the Michigan State Normal College Homecomings, a demonstration at the M.E.A. Institute in Detroit, and at the annual Kiwanis Circus.

The first Ypsilanti High School Drum and Bugle Corps was exclusively for boys. The boys' corps, organized a year before the present high school building was ready for occupancy, was under the direction of Mr. Carl Lowe. Equipped with 16 bugles and 40 drums, the boys' corps made one public appearance on the streets of Ypsilanti in 1929. A few years later Professor John Barnhill, at the suggestion of Norris G. Wiltse, principal of the high school, reactivated the corps.

Mr. Leland M. Randall, second director, and Mr. George R. Cavendar, present director, have added a great deal to the marching maneuvers of the girls. The corps has had three women advisors, who have worked many hours on the fine details so necessary to its good appearance and standards. They are in order of their service, Miss Pauline Linck, Mrs. Benita Fischer, and Miss Martha Wolters, present advisor. Leading the corps through its numerous performances as its Drum Majorettes have been Martha Wolters, Joan Miller, Helen Hatch, and Viola Evanoff, present leader.

From this first enthusiastic call to drum and bugles in 1936, beauty, brains, and a "B" average have been essential qualifications necessary for membership in the Ypsilanti Girls' Drum and Bugle Corps. Rigid rules for excel-



lence in scholarship combined with the necessary requirements in uniform height, weight, attractiveness of appearance, and finally the ability to learn how to play the instruments make membership in the corps a difficult and enviable achievement for those selected among the many girls who apply for membership each spring.

The corps, now composed of 39 members, has been a marching and maneuvering favorite from its earliest beginning, not only locally but throughout the state. In the near future four bagpipes will be added for performances of the Highland Fling, and plans for new uniforms are being considered. The Scotch plaid kiltie will remain the traditional uniform, but samples from Canada and England have yet to be selected as final choice. But regardless of choice, the Scotch lassies these years make a striking contrast to the white cotton uniformed membership of the Drum and Bugle Corps of 1936.

Viola Evanoff

## Language Department Has Colorful History

The early existence of foreign languages in the curriculum of Ypsilanti High School demonstrates that the founders approved of the mandates of the territorial law of 1827 in effect for six years, which among other things stated: "Any township with 200 householders must have a schoolmaster who could teach Latin, French, and English."

The earliest record available shows that in 1851-52, Principal M. S. Hawley taught ancient languages and mathematics, while M. A. C. Rogers, the preceptress, taught rhetoric and modern languages. This division of the languages between the Principal

## Student Council Has Fine Service Record

Each year the Student Council, a representative group of students elected by the student body, plans and manages a program of varied activities, which provides opportunities for the development of good citizenship as well as wholesome social experiences. First, there is the student association ticket — the Budget Ticket — which admits students to games, swimming meets, and parties at a greatly reduced rate. It sponsors and directs six parties, three for each division of the high school. The high school paper, *The Ypsi Sem*, is sponsored and financially supported by Council funds. There is a complete program of speech activities in which many students participate. Special assemblies and pep meetings are included for student enjoyment. The present officers, Richard Barney, President; Donald Wallace, Vice President; Donna Peebles, Secretary, and Dale Schaffer, Treasurer, and the class and home room representatives, under the direction of Miss Gertrude Murray and Mrs. Elizabeth Teaboldt, faculty advisers, are trying to make this Centennial year both happy and enjoyable.

The student council was organized during the school year of 1921-1922, its constitution being proposed and accepted by the students the fall of 1921. The first Council officers were John Elliott, President; Max Dolby, Vice President; Alice Breining, Secretary; and Charles Baxter, Treasurer. Miss Carrie Hardy and Mr. De Forrest Ross were the first faculty advisers.

During those early years, the members of the Council gave their time in establishing the program of activities and the traditions of the school that the present program still continues.

1922. Purple and Gold became the official school colors by vote of the student body.

*The Ypsi Sem* was taken under direction of the Council.

1923. The Budget Ticket system

and the preceptress continued until 1912.

During the 80's French was temporarily dropped from the curriculum, but it was restored during the 90's. Greek disappeared in 1907. German was abandoned during World War I when it was considered patriotic to burn anything German. A bonfire was built on the Island and an effigy of the Kaiser, along with German books and music, were burned by a frenzied crowd.

Two attempts were made during the 'teens' to introduce Spanish, but the time apparently was not yet right, until 1942 when it was added to the curriculum.

The language department now offers one ancient language, Latin, and two modern languages, French and Spanish.

Frances Lister

was adopted to finance school activities.

1925. A school ring contest was won by John Cadaret.

First state conference of Student Council members was held in Ann Arbor.

The first all-school play, "Just Out of College" by George Ade, was presented.

1926. Band uniforms were purchased.

1927. The Ypsilanti Chapter of the National Honor Society was sponsored by the Council.

1936. In a school-name contest, the name "Braves" was chosen by a vote of the student body.

1938. The Varsity Club and Quill and Scroll were organized. A standardized graduation invitation was adopted.

1940. A Public Address System was installed throughout building at a cost of \$3800, of which the Student Council paid \$2800 and the Board of Education \$1000.

The first magazine sale was held.

The Council was host to the Washtenaw County Youth Conference.

1941. The flag pole was purchased and dedicated.

The Athletic field at Island Park was lighted at a cost of \$4100.

During the war years the Student Council became the Student Defense Council, leading students and faculty in many war activities: the metal scrap drives in which 129,650 pounds of scrap were collected; days given to the collection of a total of twenty carloads of waste paper. These two collections brought \$5499.93, which was put into a special fund for war use.

The war activity fund was used in the following ways: Contributions to American Red Cross, to Junior Red Cross, to United War Chest and Community Funds, to the Blood Donor Unit, to Ypsilanti Companies E and F of Michigan State Troops, to U. S. O., to Canteen Council, and to various hospital funds.

A book-truck was donated to Willow Run Base Hospital, and room 325 was completely furnished at the new Beyer Hospital.

The beautiful service flag in the auditorium and the Honor Roll which lists nearly nine hundred names of Ypsilanti High School's boys and girls were placed in the building to remind us of the many former students who fought for the ideal of democracy.

And finally, the Memorial Organ, which will remind us not only of our Gold Star Boys in whose memory it was purchased and dedicated, but also of all the students and faculty who worked together in the true spirit of cooperation that exists in Ypsilanti High School, was presented.

Gertrude Murray

# Thirty Administrators Guide High School For Century

During the century of its existence Ypsilanti High School has had eight superintendents and twenty-three principals.

The most interesting discovery, perhaps, in the record of these administrators is the fact that originally the head of the school was called a principal. The title superintendent was first used in 1873-74.

Another outstanding condition of the past was the fact that the principal taught the Latin and Greek until the early 1900's. Greek was dropped at the turn of the century. The year 1912 marked the last time the principal taught some of the Latin classes.

The administrators were always addressed as Professor until the end of the nineteenth century.

Following is a list of the names of former administrators and their terms of service:

#### Superintendents

1873-1875	George M. Clayberg
1875-1879	J. C. Magill
1879-1891	R. W. Putnam
1891-1896	M. A. Whitney
1896-1903	Austin George
1903-1919	William B. Arbaugh

#### Principals

1848-1850	Prof. Nathaniel West
1850-1852	Rev. M. S. Hawley
1852-1853	Prof. O. Jackson
1853-1866	Prof. Joseph Estabrook
1866-1870	Prof. W. H. Payne
1870-1871	Prof. Daniel Putnam
1871-1875	Prof. George M. Clayberg
1875-1879	Chester T. Lane
1879-1880	Herbert W. Brown
1880-1883	George Carman
1883-1885	A. J. Volland
1885-1892	James H. Hopkins
1892-1893	J. R. Sherrick
1893-1898	A. R. Crittenden
1898-1903	William B. Arbaugh
1903-1906	Charles S. Jacobs
1906-1912	Frank U. Quillen
1912-1914	Oscar C. Hull
1914-1919	Stanley Morris
1919-1921	Ernest M. Piper
1921-1927	John O. Grimes
1927-1930	William M. Land

Present administrators are Superintendent Ernest H. Chapelle and Principal Norris G. Wiltse.

## OSBURN

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Superintendent Austin presented the diplomas. Reverend Gar-dam gave the benediction.

"After all this the Alumni banquet was held in the Presbyterian Church dining room; and this had been preceded by class day exercises the night before at the school at which other graduates took part. And how we orated. And what big ideas we had! And what a different world it was from that of today! Professor George would be astonished, could he return today and see what the 'bright hope-fuls' now face. But in the bright lexicon of youth there is no such word as fail — praise be!"



The teaching staff in 1894 was front row, left to right: Miss Norgate, Prof. Ross, Miss Higby, Supt. Whitney, Miss Sumner, Prof. Sherick, Miss Horner. Second row: Miss Geer, Miss Schlee, Miss Heath, Miss Summers. Third row: Miss Eadus, Miss Bullard, Miss Culver.



The teachers in Ypsilanti High School during the 1948-49 session are front row, left to right: Jeanette Grandstaff, Margaret Collins, Mary Jane de Vries, Dan Muntean, John Duguid, Gordon Cahours, Edward Heyman, Alvin Joslyn, Bernice Davis, and Anna Laura Lockwood. Second row:

### Grandpa Laughed at These

Grandpa and Grandma used to sit and split their sides reading tainly have the advantage of us these jokes that were written by there, doctor."

Q—"When is a dog most likely to come into the house?"  
A—"When the door is open."

Never kick a live wire because it is down.

I'll bet grandpa danced around the room at that one.

She—"She puts a lot of feeling Quill and Scroll: into her singing doesn't she?"

He—"Yes, but it must be awful to feel that way."

No doubt this was grandma's best girl friend, but she smiled to herself.

Tommy—"Pa, what's the Board of Education?"

Pa—"When I went to school it was a pine shingle."

Grandpa knew what that meant; and now for some jokes from 1949.

The moron wife heard a mouse squeak downstairs and told her moron husband. He replied, "I'll oil it in the morning."

Lawyer—"I say, doctor, why are you always running us lawyers down?"

Doctor—(dryly)—"Well, your profession doesn't make angels of men does it?"

### Club Corner

The initiation of eight new members of the Quill and Scroll took place on Wednesday, February 23, at the home of Bill Hawes. The candle lighting ceremony was followed by a pot-luck dinner. All who attended enjoyed it very much.

#### Girls Athletic Club:

The G. A. C. is planning a fun night with the Varsity Club. This club has also voted in favor of changing their club colors, but as yet their choice has not been officially announced.

#### Varsity Club:

Preparations were made for the basketball tournament, and also for a Varsity Club basketball banquet.

#### National Thespian Society:

This society is planning to have an initiation following the Centennial pageant.

# Program Changes With Building Plans

## Industrial Program Is Much Expanded

Introduced into the Ypsilanti Public Schools in 1908, the industrial arts program, then called "Manual Training," offered woodworking and mechanical drawing as electives under Miss Una A. Devoe, the first faculty member to teach fine arts, arts and crafts, mechanical drawing and woodworking. The work in drawing and primary handwork, which consisted of basketry, paper and cardboard construction, bench woodwork, and work with venetian iron, was offered in the first to the eighth grades.

In 1911 a plea by Superintendent W. B. Arbaugh asked for the expansion of facilities for industrial education. Emphasizing the need of developing the basic skills of handwork, he said: "When a young man goes out to seek employment in these days he must possess a measure of basic skills as well as intelligence."

When Mr. Daniel Ohlinger succeeded Miss Devoe, the location for the manual training program was in the basement of the old building. In 1915, the first section of the present high school building was constructed to include the present industrial arts lay-out. At this time most of the present equipment, including benches, band saw, power bench saw, jointer, small planer and one wood turning lathe, was installed in the woodshop.

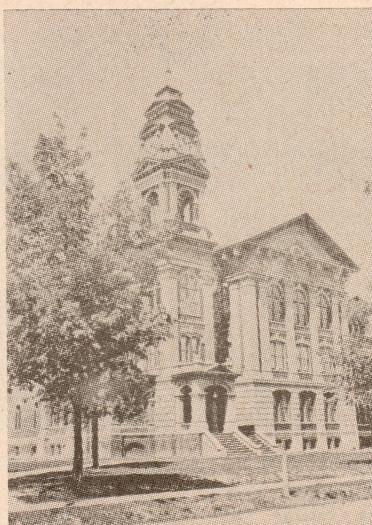
In 1918 Mr. A. L. Beach succeeded Mr. Ohlinger, who was in turn followed by Mr. F. R. Schimel in 1920. Before the close of 1920-21 Mr. H. O. Dickert was added to the staff as a teacher of mechanical drawing and machine shop. The first machine shop equipment, including four Monarch lathes, one star lathe, one old shaper, one old milling machine, one metal hack saw and one small drill press, was installed in the present room at that time. A small foundry unit was also included. In 1922 a new junior high school program in industrial arts, consisting of general metal work, electricity, woodworking and mechanical drawing, was introduced.

In 1928 a third teacher was added to the department. A wash room was remodeled to accommodate classes in electricity and general metals and the clock tower room was later equipped for mechanical drawing classes.

At the outset of World War II our high school was designated as a training center for war workers.

Since the war the industrial arts department has been able to acquire about \$60,000 worth of war surplus equipment, so that the present machine shop is fully equipped with modern machine tools.

Frank Schimel



Above. The old seminary building which supplanted the Tecumseh Hotel. Left. The third seminary building, new after the fire of 1857.

## Teaching of Science Influenced by Ross

Somewhat different from the present science courses at Ypsilanti High School were those of Ypsilanti Union Seminary in 1849. The curriculum, which was called Natural Science, consisted of physiology, physical geography, botany, chemistry, and physics.

At this early date the aim of science was to give practical direction to each study; while at the same time the facts were steadily kept in view, so that within this scientific curriculum there would be vast opportunity for affording young people a broad and general culture.

The teachers of that day were well aware of the contributions to science that were being presented to the world by Liebig and Helmholtz of Germany, Faraday and Frankland of England, Mendelejeff of Russia, our own Edison and the multitude of other scientists who were ruling at that time.

There is one individual who stands out as one of the most brilliant in all fields of science that this community has ever produced. His name was DeForrest Ross, a teacher in the Ypsilanti School for almost half a century. During that time he was always considered by students and parents as the finest example of a man and of a teacher. Always willing to help, always a friend to a student in need, always willing to do his best, he will never be forgotten by those multitudes of students that were fortunate enough to have him as their teacher.

The modern science department in the Ypsilanti School system is still following the pattern set by Professor DeForrest Ross. Although there have been many advances in science since he left, many improvements in equipment and technique, and many changes in the philosophy of science teaching, the laboratories and classrooms which he was so instrumental in planning and promoting and much of the equipment in which he was so interested still remain.

Wilfred Sinden

## Alumnus Compares Educational Methods

John P. Everett has been on the faculty of Western State College at Kalamazoo, Michigan, for many years. His two letters in reply to the questionnaire reveal a very deep interest in education. Only small parts can be quoted here.

"The building burned and while it was being restored the high school was quartered in Cleary Business College . . . .

"In Physiology we dissected a few stray cats. In particular we injected their veins and arteries with a material that hardened and gave us a splendid knowledge of the circulatory system. Our methods came to the attention of the school board, and they, because they were wise, or because they weren't, or perhaps because they were humanitarians, considered the matter in one of their meetings and passed a resolution forbidding the practice. While they were deliberating, it is reported that a cat came and mewed at the door.

"It has been my privilege to observe and be a part of a very complete transformation in educational practices. When I graduated from the Ypsilanti High School in 1894, the city's population and financial resources were not too different from what they are today. Yet the graduating class of 1894 contained only three students. Through my high school attendance all of the four high school grades sat together in a room of moderate size, presided over by the principal.

"Problems as they arose between the pupil and the school were taken care of by a simple but most effective expedient: In those days, if a pupil couldn't get along by meeting the requirements of the school or teacher, he got out — and thereby ceased to be a problem, as far as the school was concerned. Nowadays the pupil stays in school, but the adroit educator, acting under pressure from the general public, sees to it that the pupil is not too much of a problem by adopting the twin device of eliminating from the course of study subjects and parts of subjects that might prove difficult, and then telling the pupil when he reaches the high school that it doesn't make much difference, anyway, what he studies.

"It seems to me that we should be immensely better off in education could we have retained respect for the substantial quality and content of traditional courses, while at the same time modifying the curriculum for the benefit of those whose heritage calls for easier material. Students should be given an opportunity to fail, because that also affords them an opportunity to succeed.

The remarks that I have recorded are observations upon school practices generally in

Ethel A. McCrickett 1948."

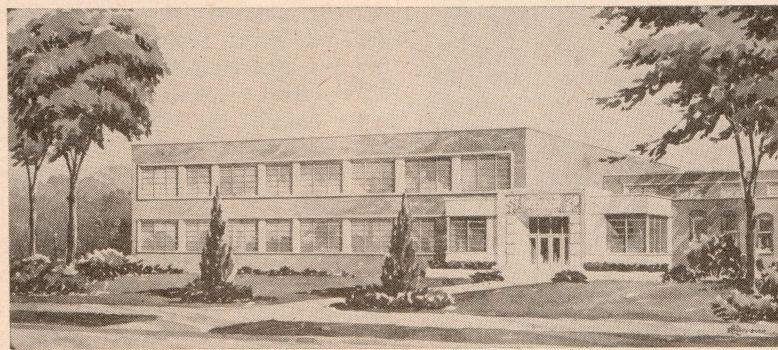
## Present School Board Approves Addition

One of the big ventures for the school board this year was approving the plans for the new addition to the high school. The members of the school board, Fred Peters, president; Carl Johnson, vice president; Mrs. Gena Barss, secretary; Walter Sturm, treasurer; Dr. Lawrence Perry, Edward Cuthbert, and Donald Porter, after spending many hours in consulting building plans and visiting up-to-date school plants in the state, decided upon the design pictured on this page.

This building will be a splendid improvement in art, industrial art, and music departments. The structure will be connected to the present industrial arts departments on the northwest end of the building.

On the first floor this modern building will house an excellent new machine shop, drafting rooms for the study of transportation and power plus the study of all types of motors, and special rooms for visual education and drivers training.

The second floor will contain a large music department with sound proof band, chorus, and practice rooms. There will also be storage rooms, a music library, and office.



Proposed addition to the west wing of the present high school building.



Present high school building

## Mis' Inquisitive

I wondered for a long time what I should write for such an occasion as this. When I speak of "this", I mean the super-colossal birthday celebration of Ypsilanti High School. I thought and thought and then I knew. I decided to ask some of the "modern wonders" of today just what they would have done if they had been in school a century ago. These are some of the "brilliant" answers I received.

Bonnie White — If I had been there then, I wouldn't be here now.

Marjorie Miller — Probably die! Zea Miller — Take my little gun to school and shoot all the teachers. (Just kidding of course).

Mrs. Jack Lockwood — Fall for the eloquence of Charles Woodruff.

Nancy Sturm — Shoot green peas. "Jake" Hall — What I usually do — nothing!

Donna Mead — Make eyes at the cute little boys.

Terry Peebles — Something. (I wonder what.)

Judy Weinmann — Do what comes naturally.

Barbara Struble — Put somebody's pigtail in the inkwell.

Floyd Warmington — Probably flunk out!

Joan Whitman — Be an angel.

Nancy Yates — Be a devil to make up for Joan.

Joe Webb — Ha! Ha! (Now what could he mean by that?)

Marlene Moffett — Get out as fast as I could.

Anne Ragan — I would have

## "Way Back When" Band Organized by Professor Barnhill

I could tell in my first moments of consciousness, that winter had really come, for through the window I could see the snow dimly glimmering in the early morning light. I grudgingly slipped from beneath the heavy feather comforter, stealing myself for the first icy touch of my feet onto the ice-cold floor.

I hurriedly slipped off my nightie, and without any of the usual hesitation, I dressed, putting on my black, long, wool stockings. I hated those horrible monstrosities, for it was so difficult to pull them over the legs of my long underwear without making the legs all lumpy. I made as quick work of my dressing as I could. Washing myself was more of a chore than any other deed I had to do during the day. It took real willpower to wash because instead of hot running water from a faucet there was ice cold from a metal basin.

In fact it was so cold I had to break the ice in order to get any

been more bored than I am now!

Carl Miller — No comment.

Charles Resetar — Quit school and find me a gold mine.

Jack Bush — Get a surrey with fringe on top.

Don Tomford — Buy me a horse and buggy to go to school.

After reading these befuddling answers, all of us now have an idea of what a teacher a century ago would have had to endure with these "modern wonders."

## Band Organized by

## Professor Barnhill

Organized in 1925 by Professor John F. Barnhill, professor of mathematics at Michigan State Normal College, who volunteered his services and even purchased music with his own money, the Ypsilanti High School Band presented its first concert three weeks later.

After its successful beginnings, the band program was later added to the school curriculum and Professor Barnhill to the payroll of the school system. Graduation did not exempt former students from continuing to play with the group.

But on the death of Professor (Continued on page 14, col. 4)

water. Sub-zero water on my face, made goose-pimpls and duck bumps pop out all over me.

I always made my bed in the morning, (but only on mother's insistence) so after completing this daily task, I hurried downstairs. Just as I reached the bottom landing, from the spacious, warm kitchen, an aroma of pancakes, bacon, and eggs greeted my nostrils.

After I had consumed a goodly portion of the delicious breakfast mother had prepared, I donned my coat, muffler, boots and hat. With my books in hand, I left the warmth of my home and went out into the icy, snowy stillness of the morning.

Such was the nature of my mornings "way back when."

## Homemaking Program Nears Half Century

In 1902, at the suggestion of Superintendant Arbaugh, home economics (or domestic science as it was then called) was introduced at Ypsilanti High school.

A year later Mr. Arbaugh recommended sufficient appropriations for equipment and suitable quarters for cooking. A basement room in the Woodruff School was first used, and although inadequate it served the purpose for a number of years. Miss Florence Meyers and Miss Elizabeth Lawrence, students of the Thomas School in Detroit, came to Ypsilanti on the interurban once a week to teach the few classes.

In 1906 Miss Jessie Swaine was engaged on half time to teach the fifth and sixth grade sewing and the seventh and eighth grade cooking classes and to supervise manual training in the first four grades.

At the end of each year an exhibit of the work was held. In 1910 this work was displayed in the windows of the Davis and Kishlar store, and in 1911 in the Masonic Temple.

In 1908 a request for sewing in the high school made it necessary to provide a room and equipment. Fortunately the school board was able to purchase the Kinne house, located on the southwest corner of the block now occupied by the present school building. This building was equipped with the necessary furniture and three new sewing machines. Owing to the small size of the rooms, classes were limited, and many interested students were unable to enroll in the course.

By this time it was deemed advisable to have an assistant, and Mrs. Maurice Lathers was hired, to be succeeded in 1912 by Miss Caroline Lewis, to whom much credit must be given for expanding the department and broadening the course of study.

In 1916 while the present building was being erected, the sewing classes were held in the rear of the old chapel on the third floor of the Seminary.

When the new building was completed, the girls were most enthusiastic about the modern rooms and equipment, which are still in use. By means of various projects, such as luncheons for the Rotary Club, bazaars, and banquets, Miss Lewis and her students earned money which was used to buy furnishings for the dining room and additional equipment for the class work.

In 1940 the first boy enrolled in the advanced foods class and set a precedent for the following fourteen.

Much credit for the diversified program in the field of clothing should be given to Miss Swaine. She organized a full two years instruction in garment making, pattern drafting, form making, millinery, handwork, textiles, and history of costumes.

**Wilma Byers**

## Interviews

### E. S. George

According to Dr. E. S. George, who was president of the Board of Education that helped to build the new Ypsilanti High School, the teachers of fifty or more years ago were called professors. Every Friday afternoon rhetoricals were held. This was when classrooms met and displayed talent. Then once a month in a big assembly the month's outstanding talent, such as plays, essays, or poetry was presented.

Dr. George believes that in the next hundred years methods will change, but we will be going to school and working for the same ideal as when schools first started. Public schools are just as good as private schools, and all students have equal opportunities. He believes that a good educational system is the savior of the country.

Mary Haas

### Harry F. Shafer

Mr. Harry F. Shafer, a 1906 graduate of Ypsilanti High School, thinks that the young folks of this generation are not taking advantage of all the opportunities that are given them.

According to Mr. Shafer, conditions have changed since 1906. We now have better schools and much better equipment. Our teaching methods, too, are quite different from what they were.

The boys used to go down in the basement of the school and box during the noon hour, because they had no gym classes. Chapel was held every Monday morning. This was an assembly for the whole school consisting of music, speeches, and announcements.

Mr. Shafer says, "I believe that it is a very good thing if children are taught to mind and respect their teachers." No, he doesn't believe in "sparing the rod and spoiling the child."

Ann Westcott

### Margaret Wise

Miss Margaret Wise graduated from the Ypsilanti High School, then known as the Seminary, with the class of 1886. She remembers that during her junior year she was one of six or eight students chosen to represent her class in the junior exhibition. For this exhibition she wrote an essay on "The Underground Railroad."

When asked whom she thought to be the most prominent graduate of her class, she said, "John P. Kirk."

There was no athletic program in those days but there was an extensive music program. Miss Wise believed that the Seminary had the first music program in this section.

Miss Wise spoke very highly of Ypsilanti High School, which should make us all proud to be students here.

Mary Evans

### Harvey Holmes

We spent a very interesting half-hour with Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Holmes as we listened to Mr. Holmes' reminiscence about the "old days." Mr. Holmes' father was at one time a member of the Board of Education, and Mr. Holmes has been an influential citizen of Ypsilanti for many years.

He went to school in the old building which stood where our present school stands now. The Seminary, as it was still called when he was a boy, faced Washington Street and extended north as far as Florence Street (where the gym stands now). In those days the bell in the tower called the children to school. As Mr. Holmes recalls, the enrollment of the school was about 100, the graduating classes varying from eight to twelve members. The tower also had a clock which would strike the hour so loudly that it could be heard at Mr. Holmes' home on a farm outside of town. The building was a three-story structure; the grade school classrooms were on the first floor, high school classrooms on the second, and the assembly hall on the third. He also remembers the lyceum where meetings were held on Friday evenings with the students participating in debates.

Mr. Holmes said that many students quit school before graduation. He himself completed two years at high school before entering Cleary College.

When asked what he would predict for the next hundred years, Mr. Holmes answered, "Your guess is as good as mine. They're advancing pretty fast."

Donna Peebles

### Jessie Swaine

In June, 1897, Ypsilanti High School's largest class, up to that time, graduated. Among those graduating was Jessie Swaine. After having spent her time in the Seminary and the new school, Miss Swaine stayed on as a teacher in 1906, continuing until 1927.

As Miss Swaine sat in her rocking chair, reminiscing, a smile crept over her face as she related how one day, while she was in algebra class, the seminary caught fire and almost burned to the ground. She said the students in her day did not seem to need so much entertainment outside of the home and Church, as we need today. All they had were debates, baseball, sleighride parties, and four essays to write and give before the entire school.

Miss Swaine, who taught sewing and cooking for many years in the Ypsilanti High School, and who is responsible for the growth of the Home Economics Department, has always been interested in the progress of the school.

Joyce Hawks and  
Geraldine Kennedy

## Times 've Changed

by Dorothy Houck

The book was red, the lettering gold, the title, "Social Life," — the dust had collected. Blowing off the dust I opened it and read. After reading the following, from this book, you won't have to take my word that times 've changed.

If a young girl accepts the escort of a young boy to an entertainment, she should **NEVER** accompany him, at its close, to a restaurant for refreshments unless she is chaperoned by a lady much older than herself.

A gentleman should not ask a lady for permission to call upon her. It is very easy for her, if she desires his company, to say, "I receive Thursdays."

### Young ladies, take heed!

Do laugh, girls, not boisterously, not constantly, but clearly and pleasantly, but **don't** giggle. Young ladies should chuckle, but not ever act too amused.

### Young men, beware!

Do not fail to use three brushes everyday — the tooth-brush, the clothes brush and the blacking-brush.

Do not forget to use your handkerchief (quietly as possible).

Bathing calls for a costume of some material that will not cling to the form when wet. Flannel is appropriate, and a heavy quantity of mohair also makes a successful dress, as it resists water and has no clinging qualities.



To prove all this is not happening in 1949, girls, have you ever heard anything like this? . . .

"You know how intensely I esteem, admire, idolize, and love you. You are my guiding light, the bright star of my life!"

## Forensic Societies Hold Important Place

When the Board of Education took over Ypsilanti Seminary in 1849, speech work and debating were limited to the activities of one or two literary clubs, meeting from 7:00 to 9:30 on Friday evenings. But by 1897 speech and debating had become a regular part of the English class work, one day a week being given over to oral English and debate. In 1903 the first debating team of Ypsilanti High School was organized; and four literary societies, the Estabrook and the Sigma Delta for men and the Beta Nu and the Sigma Gamma Kappa for girls, were giving exercise and training in debate at some of their evening meetings.

Although Ypsilanti High School won second place in debating in the Detroit Oratorical Association in 1905, it took no active part in interschool debating again until 1909, when it met and defeated Pontiac High School. The Lincoln Literary Society took up debating in 1909 as one of its activities, and some debating was carried on in the Philomathian Literary Society, organized also in 1909.

In 1915 the House of Representatives was organized, primarily for public speaking and debating, numbering among its debaters James R. Breakey, Jr., Owen Cleary, and Ray Augustus. A rival speech and debate club, the

Senate, was organized in the same year, with Fred Hopkins as one of its leaders. The Senate boasted among its trophies a personal letter of congratulation from President Wilson. Interclass as well as interclub debates were held frequently.

By now the Greek letter societies had disappeared. In 1919 the Adelphi Debating Club succeeded the House of Representatives for one year, after which the House of Representatives revived until 1923. This also was the last year for the Philomathian Society. In 1920 the school joined the Michigan High School Forensic Association, known at that time as the Michigan Debating League, and has been a member almost continuously ever since. Debate clubs soon disappeared, as the activities of the state league came to take their place.

In the quarter century during which Ypsilanti High School has been a member of the state debating organization, the debating teams have acquired six state plaques for winning 75 per cent of their debates and taking part in the state elimination contests. Three of these plaques have been won during the past three years under the coaching of Anna Laura Lockwood. Once, in 1925, the team took part in the state championship debate, losing to Detroit Northwestern.

Edward Heyman

## Major Changes Made In Mathematics Texts

There has been no time during the past century that mathematics has not held an important part in the education of young people in Ypsilanti High School. The curriculum of the Ypsilanti Union Seminary for the year 1851-1852 included higher arithmetic and algebra for the first year, geometry, trigonometry, calculus and logic during the second year, and surveying the third year. Practically all work laid out by the seminary contemplated preparation for entrance into the University. Young women were counted in the minority as the University did not admit them until after 1870. The following quotation was taken from the Catalogue for 1851-52: "Young Ladies, if they prefer, can omit the higher mathematics, as calculus, surveying, and also agricultural chemistry, and give their attention more fully to music, painting, drawing, and the languages, but it is not expected that young gentlemen who may take the course will make any offset, by substituting any acquirement in the place of mathematics..."

Great emphasis was placed on the study of arithmetic. It was thought that good teaching should involve drills, illustrations, and explanations at least one-half the recitation time. The Stoddard series of arithmetic was used from the beginning until as late as 1900. It was felt that nothing could take the place of accurate and rapid computation. Stoddard states in his **New Intellectual Arithmetic** that "the tables (multiplication) should be so thoroughly mastered that the pupil shall be hardly conscious of any mental effort in giving results of the various combinations." Unique problems are common within its pages. For example: "There is a fish, the head of which is 4 inches long, and whose tail is as long as its head plus  $\frac{1}{2}$  of its body, and whose body is as long as its head and tail; what is the length of the fish?"

Instruction in geometry for the most part had been given in the ordinary college course at the University, but sentiment changed around 1872 when it was felt that instruction should be resigned to the village high-schools in order to develop these schools. Text-books in geometry were written partly with the purpose of giving adequate instruction for students who would be expected to pass examinations to gain entrance to the University. However, on the whole their content was not greatly different from that to which the student of Euclid was familiar.

Professor Edward Olney of the University copyrighted his **Elements of Geometry** in 1872, and this book was in use in Ypsilanti High School as late as 1880. It was written on the basis of "facts before theories" and represented

## Fair Sex Precedes Men in Gym Work

In 1916 the first physical education classes were included as a part of the curriculum for girls, but not for boys. The aims of the program as stated in the handbook for 1916, were: (1) "to give such work as will counteract some of the evils inherent in the school environment, (2) to correct physical defects that have resulted from carelessness and neglect, (3) to bring about co-ordination of the brain and body movement, and (4) to establish correct habits of posture and walking."

The auditorium of the high school building had been remodeled in order to serve the double purpose of auditorium and gymnasium, and shower baths had been installed.

"Physical training," was required for girls of the ninth and tenth grades but optional for those of the eleventh and twelfth. Inter-class activities for girls at this time included basketball and newcomb.

With the aid of Miss Eichorn, the Girls Athletic Club was organized in 1921 to promote better athletics among the girls of the high school. G. A. C. emblems were awarded on a basis of points, for such qualifications as sportsmanship, scholastic stand-

## History Curriculum Shows Little Change

Contrary to the belief of present-day pupils and teachers, the project and the problems approach to history are not new. Long before the First World War Ypsilanti government classes were traveling to Lansing to view the legislature in session; and as long ago as 1897 the Ypsilanti High School course of study stated that assigned reading and investigations, "reports on special topics, discussions and illustrations" should be a part of the history work.

Except for new chapters in the

a departure from the usual notations set forth in previous books. He regarded the definition of an angle as "needlessly vague, abstract, and questionable on philosophical grounds," when defined as the amount of divergence between two intersecting lines. He favored the "motion" idea such as the angle generated by the revolution of a line, or illustrated by the hands of a clock.

These ideas were used in later geometry text-books, which were improved still more by better arrangement of material and greater use of problems. Wells' **Essentials of Plane and Solid Geometry** was used in the schools after 1900, and by 1910 Dr. Lyman's books were in use. The authors were at that time considering the pupil more by arranging materials in such manner that pupils could work their own way, relying on their own reasoning powers.

## The Good Old Days?



Bonnie Martin and Nancy Marushak illustrate the new and the old in gym costumes.

ing, physical and medical examination, attendance, gymnastics, soon added to the list of inter-apparatus, jumping, hiking, distant throwing, and track. Fifty games of basketball and volleyball points were required to become a member and receive a G. A. C. During the years gym classes emblem; one hundred and fifty have changed from the very formal type of exercise and gym-activities were similar to those of nastics to informal creative work today. A description of a "spring hike" to the "shack" tells of food and a victrola being sent ahead. gym costume has changed also

By this time inter-class activities had been increased to include volleyball, tennis, track, and swimming. The Central High School Girls' Basketball team was organized in 1923, but played

**Patricia Swanson**

books and changed emphasis from memorizing dates to the study of causes and effects, the teaching of history in Ypsilanti High School has undergone few significant changes. Ancient history, medieval history, modern history, English history, American history, civics and economics were the original social sciences. Today ancient, medieval, and modern history have been consolidated into a single year's course, entitled World History. Civics and economics are still compulsory in the 12th grade, while added courses in government and in careers have enriched the 9th grade offerings. Otherwise, the subjects remain the same; for it has long been considered basic learning that man should know the history of the past.

**Edward Heyman**

MacCormack's **Plane and Solid Geometry** in use at the present time in Ypsilanti High School contains many photographs showing the uses of geometry in industry, building and planning, in nature and life.

The use of visual aids in form of slide films, motion pictures, and flexible devices are used to supplement the book.

**George A. Helvey**

**A FORD**  
A quart of oil,  
A gallon of gas,  
A coil of wire,  
A piece of glass,  
A chunk of tin,  
A piece of board,  
Some barrel hoops,  
You have a Ford.

**Ypsi Sem, March, 1915**

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Freshmen — Huh!  
Sophomore — What!  
Junior — I did not understand!  
Senior — I did not understand  
the nature of your inquiry.

### Stop! Look! Listen!

A prize story contest. When? From now to April 1. How? Due to the kindness of the merchants of this city. There will be four prizes. Weinmann-Matthews will give a fountain pen or a kodak; Switzer, something but not yet decided; Danis and Kishlar an umbrella; and the Staff a Dixit. For whom? Only "Sem" subscribers.

The two best stories will be printed in the "Dixit". Everybody get busy and make it a great contest. One! Two! Three! Go!!

The prizes may be seen in Mr. Morris' office.

**Ypsi Sem, February, 1916**

## Noted Alumni Bring Honor to Their Alma Mater

As the Centennial Celebration of the Ypsilanti High School is observed, it is fitting that we mention the graduates who have gone out into the world. Their accomplishments during the years reflect credit upon the school and the training which they have received during their high school years. Many graduates have achieved prominent places in the communities in which they live. The majority have remained in Ypsilanti, making it a city of which to be proud, due to their active participation in civic, religious, and educational affairs. The list which follows names a few of the outstanding graduates.

**1857**

**Bryon M. Cutcheon** — Was principal of the Ypsilanti High School 1861-63. Was Regent at the University of Michigan. Four times a member of Congress. Brigadier General of the 27th Michigan in the Civil War.

**Mrs. Mary Spencer** — State Librarian in Michigan.

**Miss Anna M. Cutcheon** — Teacher in Michigan State Normal College, Minnesota Normal College, Detroit Ladies' Seminary.

**Marie Warner Cutcheon** — From 1859 to 1863 preceptress of Ann Arbor High School.

**Miss Emma Hall** — Superintendent of Reform School for Girls, Adrian, Michigan.

**Henry Munson Utley** — Graduate of University of Michigan. A newspaper man on Detroit Tribune. Detroit Board of Education. Head of Detroit Public Library for many years.

**1858**

**Edward F. Uhl** — President of National Bank of Grand Rapids. Assistant Secretary of State 1893, War Department 1893. Ambassador to Germany 1896.

**1862**

**Reverend Charles Allen** — Elder of the Methodist Churches of Michigan.

**Honorable Lyman Casey** — U. S. Senator from North Dakota.

**J. M. Wildinson** — State Treasurer of Michigan.

**Hon. Carlos D. Sheldon** — Member of Congress from Houghton, Michigan.

**Charles R. Whitman** — Regent of University of Michigan, Railroad Commissioner.

**Rev. W. W. Washburn** — Educator, Pastor. Presiding Elder for more than thirty years.

**Rev. Reuben E. Manning** — More than thirty years a Baptist Minister.

**1877**

**Tella S. Boyce Porter** — Oldest living graduate, home at Jacksonville, Florida. Her brother is Benjamin Boyce.

**1880**

**Arba Seymour Van Valkenburgh** — Graduate of University of Michigan. Practiced law in

## Championship Squad



The members of the 1948-49 football team are, left to right, front row: Ramey, Hopkins, Katsefaras, Lowe, Malcolm, Capt. Strohl, Webb, Helmer, Hawks, J. Walker, McGarrity. Second row: McCowen, Hawker, Patterson, Jacobs, Mida, Mills, N. Roberts, Barney, O'Hara, B. Bennett. Third row: Perry, W. Jacobs, Kersey, Dupont, Raham, R. Roberts, Marsh, Hardin, J. Hill, Bates, Ramsey. Fourth row: D. Hill, Rutledge, Neely, Fortney, Evans, Hon, F. Walker, Hall, Mayhawk, Louis. Fifth row: Schaffer, Harvey, J. Hardin, Hale, Hurdley, Bush, Delano, V. Bennett, Brothers. Sixth row: Dyer, Ellis, Kessler, Batterson, and Sonoc.

Kansas City, Missouri. U.S. District Attorney, West District of Missouri.

**1882**

**William McAndrew** — First Superintendent of Schools, Chicago, Illinois. Assistant Superintendent of Schools, New York City.

**1883**

**Mrs. George Miller** — Oldest living graduate in vicinity of Ypsilanti, Michigan. Address 2360 Ellsworth Road.

**1886**

**John P. Kirk** — General in National Guards, Spanish American War. Attorney at law. City Attorney of Ypsilanti.

**Margaret Wise** — Second grade teacher of Michigan State Normal College. Retired Head of Placement Bureau at M.S.N.C. Now retired. Home in Ypsilanti.

**Lewis B. Hardy** — A western missionary for Congregational Church. Original character in Ralph Connor's novel *The Skin Pilot*. Graduate of University of Michigan.

**1887**

**Lyman F. Kebler** — Washington, D. C. Outstanding chemist in Pure Food and Drug Department. Received many citations. His wife, Mrs. Ida Shaw Kebler, worked in the same field. Graduated in 1890.

**1890**

**William Lister** — Won first Oratorical contest at M.S.N.C. Commissioner of Schools in Washtenaw County. Postmaster of Ypsilanti. Initiated Summer Sessions at M.S.N.C. Represented an insurance company.

**1893**

**Daniel Lace Quirk** — President of Peninsular Paper Company. Former President and promoter of Little Theater Movement in America. Member of Board of Education in Ypsilanti. Organizer of Washtenaw Country Club. Active civic leader.

**1903**

**George Burke** — Attorney at law, Ann Arbor. Head of Civil Service Commission in Michigan.



The dashing football players of 1898 were: Lawrence (RT), Wilcoxen (RE), Barnes (RH), Harrison (FB), Kneip (O). Everett (LH), Richel (LE), Hiscock (LT), Johnson (LG), Rire (C), Green (RG), and the substitutes were: Smith, Holms, Cluff, Twist, and Sherman.

Member of Nuremberg Trial Board for German War Criminals.

**1904**

**Dr. Max Minor Peet** — Internationally famous brain surgeon, Ann Arbor, University of Michigan.

**1912**

**Paul Rankin** — Assistant Superintendent of Schools, Detroit.

**1916**

**James Breakey** — Graduate M. S.N.C., University of Michigan Law Department. Circuit Court Judge, Ann Arbor. Active in political affairs in Michigan.

**1917**

**Owen Cleary** — Graduate University of Detroit Law Department. President Cleary College. Chairman of Michigan G.O.P. Former chairman Liquor Control Commissioner. Brig. Gen. Mich. National Guard.

**1929**

**Jay Westcott** — Valedictorian, Frankfort, Germany, working

(Continued from page 11, col. 3) Barnhill, May 19, 1941, the band separated into two parts: the high school band under Mr. Leland M. Randall, and the community band under Mr. Harold Goodson. Today, under the direction of Mr. George Cavender, the band again has two sections: the Ypsilanti High School Concert Band in which girls are allowed to participate, and the Ypsilanti High School Boys Marching Band, an organization restricted to boys.

The band as performed at the school football games, the University of Michigan, and local parades.

Under the present leadership of Mr. George Cavender and Drum Major Bill Lurkins, the fast-stepping Ypsilanti Boys' Marching Band in their navy blue uniforms with gold braid, have achieved recognition in the community.

**Viola Evanoff**

Paris; University of Michigan, M. A.; Scholarship Harvard Law and Political Science; taught in University of Pennsylvania, 1942. Agricultural Dept. during the war and Procurement of Food for the Army, 1945, State Dept., Foreign Diplomat. Now in Marshall Plan.

# Braves Top 6B League

## Basketball Five Win League Championship

The Ypsi Braves added another championship to their many others, that of the 6-B League in basketball, when they defeated Plymouth, February 25.

The Braves got off to a fast start when Dick Roberts put in a long shot. Two more quick ones followed. The Braves continued to put them in at a steady rate through the rest of the first period.

In the second period and for most of the game thereafter there seemed to be a jinx on the basket; no one could get one in. Even though they seemed jinxed the Braves could collect sufficient points to maintain their lead throughout the entire game, ending up with a ten point lead. Dave Hill was a strong rebounder and led the Braves in scoring with fourteen points while Captain Lowell Perry followed with eleven. The Braves finished the season with twelve wins against three defeats.

The second team defeated Plymouth in a tight game 32 to 30.

### High School Chat —

Vol. 1, No. 1, Jan. 9, 1895.

#### Wanted:

A larger rhetorical program — all of us.

Attempts at verse writing by the faculty.

Raised seats in chapel.

#### Advertisements:

Ypsilanti Mineral Baths Co. — cures Rheumatism, Blood and Skin Disease..

### The Ypsi Dixit —

Vol. No. 1, June 1898.

#### Calender:

Sept. 7 — School opens. We get acquainted with the new teachers and the bashful "freshie."

Sept. 15 — High School Banjo and Guitar Club held its first meeting.

Sept. 19 — Our 1st football team plays A. A. H. S. at A. A. fair grounds.

Oct. 5 — H. S. adopts by vote the colors green and red.

Oct. 15 — German XIII meets as usual.

Dec. 10 — "Long Pants Brigade" makes its first appearance.

Feb. 28 — The Beta Nu Sorority gives the Sigma Delta a banquet. Funny toasts a few roasts.

Mar. 11 — Guy Clark wins the oratorical contest.

Mar. 15 — The Delta Kappa spreads the festive board for the Sigma Delta.

April 4 — Thirteen boys stay after school to study (?).

April 5 — George Koss appears in public chapel and favors the students with a reading.

April 26 — School adjourned at 10 o'clock. American soldier boys left for Camp Eaton, Island Lake. Big demonstration.



The members of the 6-B League basketball team for 1948-49 season are: Front row, left to right, Coach Louis Batterson, Raham, Hill, Perry (Captain), Strohl, Roberts, and Coach Ronald Isbell; back row, Lurkins, Kersey, Schaffer, Bush, Batterson, Hill, and Ammerman.

## Flashy Five Beat Wayne Team 50-48

Ypsilanti traveled to Wayne Friday to play one of the most important games of the season.

Despite the fact that Wayne was a dangerous foe, the basketeers came out on top with a 50 to 48 score.

As the game got under way, Ypsi was quick to get the lead and maintained it throughout the game.

When the horn sounded for the first quarter, Ypsi led 15 to 11. During the second quarter Coach Isbell had to change his line-up from time to time because of the fact that a large number of personal fouls were being called. At the end of the first half, the Braves held the lead 28 to 21.

Hill, Raham, Perry and Roberts were the high scorers with fifteen, thirteen, twelve and seven points respectively.

(Continued from page 1, col. 4) sponsored by the Student Council, will be given. On Thursday a historical dramatization, "Building for Youth", will be presented, and on Friday the Senior Division will enjoy a Centennial Party.

During the week, Ypsilanti High School will be honored to have a number of celebrities present. Among them will be Lee M. Thurston, Superintendent of Public Instruction; Alexander G. Ruthven, President of University of Michigan; and James B. Edmonson, Dean, School of Education University of Michigan.

Ypsilanti citizens will also take an important part. Those people are Dr. Arold W. Brown, Harvey C. Colburn, Mrs. Richard A. Weir, James R. Breakey, Jr., R. Clyde Ford, Frederick J. Peters, Jr., Eugene B. Elliott, and Owen J. Cleary.

June 16 — Class Day — the beginning of the end.

June 17 — Commencement — the end.

## Inter School Athletics Boasts Varied Past

In organized athletics Ypsilanti High School was first represented by baseball which was organized in 1892, followed by football in 1897. The membership of the first football team included: Willcoxen, Floyd, Shaefer, Brooks, Captain Hewitt, Barnes, Bishop, Hiscock, Lawrence, Holley, Rose, Cluff, Haight, and Owen.

That same year, 1897, saw the formation of the first Y. H. S. Athletic Association; and on May 26, 1898, the Ypsilanti High school track team competed here in its first interscholastic track meet.

In 1915 Ypsilanti High School ceased to compete with the schools of this vicinity in favor of competition with Detroit high schools. At this time the only supervision was that provided by the competing schools. Not until the formation of the Michigan High School Athletic Association, under an act of the legislature of 1923, which empowered the Superintendent of Public Instruction with control of all interscholastic activities, did the state assume a supervisory responsibility.

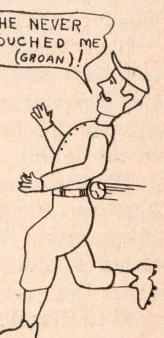
Among athletes who have graduated from Ypsilanti High School to achieve fame at the University of Michigan have been: Bernard Kirk, All-American end; George Haggerty, All-Western forward; Robert Brown, All-American center.

In 1934 Ypsilanti joined the Twin Valley League, but withdrew in 1944 when the Suburban Six B League was formed with Redford Union, Wayne, Plymouth, Belleville, and Trenton. At present the athletic program includes football, basketball, cross country, swimming, track, golf, and tennis.

The facilities for athletics also differ markedly from those of a half-century ago. A modern football field at Island Park has a quarter-mile cinder track as well as lighting for night games. An enclosed broadcasting booth and an electric scoreboard were donated by the Varsity Club in 1948. A new gymnasium, built in 1928, has a basketball court, 82' by 45', and a swimming pool, 25' by 75'. Seating capacity is 1100.

**Edwin Shadford**

In early baseball days, in order to tag a person out, they had to touch him with the ball. If some big guy was running down the bases and you could not catch him, or he had too much of a start on you, all you had to do was to throw the ball at him and touch him. If he got hit in the head, that was his tough luck; all in the game you know.



**Dick Gotts**

# Basketeers Take District Championship

The Ypsilanti Basketeers came on Saturday night, March 5, and defeated Wayne 29 to 26 to take home the District Trophy. This was a very close game and the score was tied at the end of the first quarter, 6-6; the Braves led at the half, 13 to 12.

The Braves were in the lead 24 to 18 at the end of the third quarter. Then Wayne tossed in 8 pointers to Ypsilanti's 3, leaving the score 27 to 26 with two minutes to play. Ypsilanti froze the ball and Bob Raham found Wayne Strohl open under the basket with a nice pass, and Strohl tipped the ball in to put the game on ice. Dave Hill led the Braves with 10 points and Lowell Perry had 9.

**The Braves upset Romulus** on March 3 in the District Tournaments, 43 to 22.

After three minutes of play, Lowell Perry threw in a free throw to start the game rolling. With Ypsi putting in two buckets and Romulus making two baskets and a free throw, the score was tied 5-5 at the end of the first quarter.

Ypsi came back and scored six points in the second quarter with Romulus scoring only four, putting the Braves ahead 11 to 9 at the half.

The third quarter left Romulus way behind as they only threw in 6 pointers while the Braves tossed in 17.

The final quarter ended with the Ypsi team marking up 15 more points to top the game with the score of 43 to 22. Ypsilanti controlled the ball most of the night because of the excellent work of Wayne Strohl on the backboards. Wayne also led the Braves with 13 points and Lowell Perry with 12.

## Second Team Has Top-Notch Players

At some of the basketball games this season some of the following boys performed for the second team.

Ted Fasing, who came to Ypsi High from Roosevelt, was ineligible the first semester because of his transfer. Now, however, he is a new spark for the team and is playing ball from the forward position.

Dave Ingram, another transfer, is a fast and hard ball player at the forward spot. Since his eligibility he has added much life to the team.

Jim Hall, the team's pivot man, has been a high scorer in many of the games. "Jake" is a good ball handler and an excellent shot from the pivot position.

Fred Kessler, one of the starting guards, has showed his importance to the team by many points scored on the back board. Freddie Owens, a freshman, is very clever with the basketball, and he has been a high scorer in various games.



Lowell Perry goes up for another basket.

## Bates, Diving Champion, Sparks Swim Squad to Third Place Win

Opening the 1948-49 swimming season, the Braves had eight returning lettermen from the 1947-48 team. Led by Captain Zadok St. John, the Braves started their 14-meet schedule with two divers. Charles Bates and Wendell Green; two free stylers, Harold Duede and Donald Salow; two back strokers, Clarence Chambers and William Friend; one breast stoker, Floyd Warmington. These men made up the nucleus for this year's fine group of reserves: Larry Gray, James Malcolm, Truman Carver, Gerald Butler and James Russell.

Our season of eight wins and five losses and one tie was the best in the last four years, as the competition was the stiffest encountered.

Adrian	46	Ypsi	38
Ann Arbor	42	Ypsi	42
Trenton	35	Ypsi	49
River Rouge	39	Ypsi	45
Pontiac	47	Ypsi	37
Jackson	42 1-3	Ypsi	41 1-3
Adrian	40	Ypsi	44
Monroe	58	Ypsi	26
Trenton	41	Ypsi	43
Pontiac	41	Ypsi	43
U. High	35	Ypsi	49
River Rouge	36	Ypsi	48
U. High	36	Ypsi	48
Ann Arbor	44	Ypsi	40

### Class B Competition

Won	Lost
7	1

### Class A Competition

Won	Lost	Tied
1	4	1

### Highlights of the season:

We broke Adrian's three-year winning streak of 26 straight wins and defeated Pontiac for the first time in competition.

We placed third in the State Meet at Ann Arbor, behind East Grand Rapids and Adrian. East Grand Rapids scored 57 points, Adrian 25, Ypsilanti 21.

The point winners for Ypsilanti were: Charles Bates, State Diving Champion, after defeating Robert Miller, last year's champion; Wendell Green, third in diving; Floyd Warmington, fifth in the breast stroke; Clarence Chambers, third in the back stroke; William Friend, fourth in the back stroke; Harold Duede, Ronald Krull, Peter Dyer, and Donald Salow, third in the 200-yard free style relay.

### Individual points earned during the season:

John Baker	2
Charles Bates	61
Truman Carver	1
Clarence Chambers	77 1-3

Strohl . . . . .

Locker Room Echoes

Britton

The Braves have done it again. Another championship has been added to the many that Ypsilanti High School has won in the Suburban 6-B League. This league was formed in 1945 and since then the Braves have won thirteen championships, the thirteenth being won on Friday, February 25, when the Braves downed Plymouth in a basketball game in our gym. Captain Lowell "Lody" Perry did an excellent job of leading the cagers on to a well deserved championship. Coach Ron Isbell in his first year as head basketball coach at Ypsi High has done a marvelous job. He took an average team from last year and made a championship team out of them in one of the toughest leagues in Michigan.

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The first basketball game was played within the confining embraces of an iron cage. The rules were very different, but, at the time, were sufficient to save the lives and limbs of the players. Two peach baskets served for hoops and had to be renailed each time the ball struck them. After each basket that was scored, the referee brought the ball to center court and made the two centers jump for it. The scores of these early games seldom exceeded twelve points, and the man who scored six or seven points was the sensation of the country.

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Chester Dasher is playing football for the Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland. This year the brilliant Dave Hill was added to the list of all-time greats to be a member of this great educational institution. Football at Ypsilanti High School has come from practically nothing to one of the greatest sports activities Ypsilantians see all year. The entire community is proud of our great teams from the first in 1898 to the present in 1949 and the picture in years to come.

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Little boy.

Little seat.

Little girl.

Pair o'feet.

Little aisle.

Gentle fall.

High School Freshman

That's all.

Harold Duede	102
Peter Dyer	19
Norman Evans	6
William Friend	29
Larry Gray	9
Wendell Green	41
Ronald Krull	56 1-3
Donald Salow	42
Zadok St. John	24
Floyd Warmington	81 1-3
Loren Schmid	1
James Malcolm	7